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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The documents listed on the attached PT0/SB/08 were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding Chinese application. A partial English translation of the Chinese Office Action of March 9, 2007, follows:

1. Claim 1 is rejected under Article 22(3) of the Chinese Patent Law.

Reference 1 (JP 200186051A, 2001-3-30) discloses a wireless communication system. Specifically, Reference 1 discloses the following features: a wireless communication apparatus used in a wireless communication system having a redundant configuration, signals are assigned to the current communication apparatus and the standby communication apparatus by an assigning device (corresponding to the feature “receiving same signals from an MUX device through a current cable circuit and a standby-cable circuit”), the current communication apparatus comprising: a current cable circuit configured to have a current modem connected to the assigning device (corresponding to a current STM-N output interface circuit connected to the MUX device), and a current transmitter/receiver connected to the current modem; and a current radio circuit configured to have an antenna connecting to the current transmitter/receiver for transmitting/receiving signal from/to another wireless device; and wherein the standby communication apparatus comprises a standby cable circuit configured to have a standby modem connected to the assigning device (corresponding to the STM-N interface circuit connected to the MUX device); a standby transmitter/receiver connected to the standby modem; and a standby radio circuit configured to have an antenna connected to the standby transmitter/receiver for transmitting/receiving signals from/to another wireless device; wherein the standby communication device uses the co-

channel RF distribution and completely duplexes input through the output of the modem of the apparatus (please refer to the abstract of the Reference 1, claims 1 and 2, paragraph 18 of column 3 to paragraph 28 of column 4, and Figs. 1-5).

Reference 2 (US 5,701,595A, 12-23-1997) discloses a circulator connected between transmitter/receiver and the antenna (please refer to abstract of Reference 2, claim 1 and Figs. 1-3 and 5-11).

Article 22(3) of the Chinese Patent Law: Inventiveness means that, as compared with the technology existing before the date of filing, the invention has prominent substantive features and represents a notable progress and that the utility model has substantive features and represents progress.

2. Claim 2 is rejected under Article 22(3) of the Chinese Patent Law.

The claim 2 is a dependent claim of the claim 1 and its additional technical feature “the radio signals transmitted from the current communication means and the standby communication means are polarization signals having the same frequencies and different polarization directions” has been disclosed by Reference 1. Reference 1 has disclosed the technical feature “the current communication means transmits horizontal polarization signals and the standby communication means transmits vertical polarization signals having the same frequencies” (please refer to the abstract of Reference 1, claims 1 and 2, paragraphs 31-37 of column 5, and Figs. 1-5 and 7).

3. Claim 3 is rejected under Article 22(3) of the Chinese Patent Law.

The claim 3 depends on the claim 1 and the claim 2, but its additional technical feature has been disclosed by Reference 1: the current communication means receives a signal transmitted from a current communication means of the other wireless communication apparatus through the current radio circuit, and transmits the received signal to the receiving apparatus through the current cable circuit; and the standby communication means receives a signal transmitted from a standby communication means of the other wireless communication apparatus through the standby radio circuit, and transmits the received signal to the receiving apparatus through the standby cable circuit (please refer to the abstract of Reference 1, claims 1 and 2, paragraph 22 of column 4 to paragraph 37 of column 5, and Figs. 1-5).

4. Claim 4 is rejected under Article 22(3) of the Chinese Patent Law.

Reference 1 (JP 200186051A, 2001-3-30) discloses a wireless communication system and more specifically, it discloses the following technical features: a wireless communication system comprises a wireless communication apparatus having a redundant configuration, which assigns the signals to the current communication apparatus and the standby communication apparatus by an assigning device (corresponding to the feature of receive same signals from an MUX device to each wireless communication apparatus through a current cable circuit and a standby cable circuit), the wherein the current communication apparatus comprises a current cable circuit configured to have a current modem connected to the MUX device), and a current transmitter/receiver connected to the current modem; and a current radio circuit configured to have an antenna connecting to the current transmitter/receiver for transmitting/receiving signal from/to another wireless device; and wherein the standby communication apparatus comprises: a standby cable circuit configured to have a standby modem connected to the standby modem (corresponding to the STM-N interface circuit connected to the MUX device); a standby transmitter/receiver connected to the standby modem; and a standby wireless circuit configured to have an antenna connected to the standby transmitter/receiver for transmitting/receiving signals to another wireless device; wherein the standby communication apparatus uses the co-channel RF distribution and completely duplexes input through the output of the modem of the apparatus (please refer to the abstract of the Reference 1, claim 1 and 2, paragraph 18 of column 3 to paragraph 28 of column 4, and Figs. 1-5).

Reference 2 (US 5,701,595A): (discloses) a circulator is connected between a current transmitter/receiver and an antenna (please refer to abstract of Reference 2, the claim 1 and Figs. 1-3 and 5-11).

5. Claim 5 is rejected under Article 22(3) of the Chinese Patent Law).

The claim 5 is a dependent claim of the claim 4 and its additional technical feature “the radio signals transmitted from the current communication means and the standby communication means are polarization signals having the same

frequencies and different polarization directions” has been disclosed by Reference 1. Reference 1 has disclosed the technical feature “the current communication means transmits horizontal polarization signals and the standby communication means transmits vertical polarization signals having the same frequencies” (please refer to the abstract of Reference 1, claims 1 and 2, paragraphs 31-37 of column 5, and Figs. 1-5 and 7).

6. Claim 6 is rejected under Article 22(3) of the Chinese Patent Law.

The claim 6 is a dependent claim of claims 4 and 5. However, its additional technical feature has been disclosed by Reference 1 as follows: the current communication means receives a signal transmitted from a current communication means of the other wireless communication apparatus through the current radio circuit, and transmits the received signal to the receiving apparatus through the current cable circuit, and the standby communication means receives a signal transmitted from a standby communication means of the other wireless communication apparatus through the standby radio circuit, and transmit the received signal to the receiving apparatus through the standby cable circuit (please refer to abstract of Reference 1, claims 1 and 2, paragraph 22 of column 4 to paragraph 37 of column 5, and Figs. 1-5).

A copy of Document B2 (JP 2001-086051A) is not attached, as this reference was submitted with Applicant’s Information Disclosure Statement of March 18, 2005.

Any document listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 was cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding Chinese application. A copy of the Chinese Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner. An English-language counterpart of the foreign-language documents has not been provided. The absence of a translation or an English-language counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider any submitted document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP§609).

Applicant respectfully requests that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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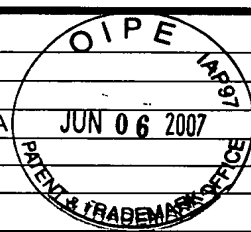
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